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Photographic copy of
Battle of Surigao
Strait message

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Commodore Bates

DATE: 21 March 1958

FROM : K. J. Bauer

SUBJECT:

Attached are your copy of the Surigao Strait message and a positive print. I think that the photograph of the original message will be a great addition to the volume, so let me add my thanks for its loan.

I hope that your door pounding down here was successful.

Sincerely,

Koch Bauer

0342

Met enemy force last night according
to plan. ^{Enemy} Struck up Saragao Strait
south in two groups. ~~of 3 large~~. The
first group consisted ~~from~~ ^{from} ~~McGowan~~
as reported by the McGowan of 2 BB,
1 or 2 CA and 1 DD. The second group
consisted of 2 large and about 5 smaller
craft. All craft were ~~driven back~~ ^{repelled}
or repelled. Number, make not known
but believed to be at least eight of all
sizes. Upon arrival this am in Luzon
and Saragao Strait. Killed eight units
bunking ^{seven of which sunk by our attack} others that were sunk ~~to~~
like sunk them ourselves or picked up
survivors. No ~~little~~ opportunity yet
for interrogating ships or Japanese
survivors. ~~except~~ ^{some} Casualties not
known. Name of H. W. Grant

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Comdr Powerspac

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Met enemy force last night according
to plan. ^{Enemy} Struck up Saragao Strait
south in two groups. ~~of 3 large~~
first group consisted of ~~from 11 to 12~~
as reported by the McGowan of ~~2~~
1 or 2 CA and 1 IJ. The second group
consisted of 2 large and about 5 small
craft. All craft were ~~burned~~ ~~by~~
or repelled. Number, make not known
but believed to be at least eight
ships. Upon arrival this area in
and Saragao Strait, 14 led eight
burning ^{seven of which were} ~~ships~~ ~~that~~
sunk them ourselves or picked
survivors. No ~~little~~ opportunity given
for interrogating ships or Japanese
survivors. ~~no captives~~ Casualties not
known. Name of ~~the~~ ^{the} U.S. Grant.

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TO - CTF 77 Com 3rd Flt
Info - All TFC 7, 8, 9

CinCPac
Comdr 3rd Flt

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Met enemy force last night accord
to plan. ^{Enemy} Struck up Suragao Strait
south in two groups. ~~of 3 large~~
first group consisted of ~~from 11 to 12~~
as reported by the 11th group of 2
1 or 2 CA and 1 J. The second group
consisted of 2 large and about 5 small
craft. All craft were ~~burned~~
or repelled. Number, make not known
but believed to be at least eight of
pigeons. Upon arrival this area in
and Suragao Strait. Killed eight
~~burning~~ ^{seven} ~~of which were~~ ^{of which were} ~~seen~~ ^{seen} ~~had been~~ ^{had been} ~~seen~~ ^{seen}
the same then ourselves or picked up
survivors. No ~~little~~ opportunity yet
for interrogating ships or Japanese
survivors. ~~no report~~ ^{no report} ~~and casualties not~~ ^{and casualties not}
known. ~~Kamagata~~ ^{Kamagata} ~~the 11th group~~ ^{the 11th group}

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TO - CTF 77 Com 3rd
Info - all TFC 7, Com
Cinepac/Ship
Comdr Powers

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